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In contemplating the proper light in
which the fierce editorial blast at The
Tribune in last evening's "Times" should
be regarded, we are reminded of a little
table, which is given below:Once upon a time a man and his son entered
into partnership on a hunting expedition. As
they were about to start, the son said to his
father: "Dad, I am going to go hunting alone
tonight on the game which was to be killed
by the bow. Upon arriving at the end of a
tree, the son picked his bow into the branch
and opened up with enthusiasm that made the stones
ring."How is that?" he asked of his partner during
a pause. "Dad, I am going.""Good," replied the man. "You are good. But I
don't know that you were a failure. I should have
been frightened myself."**Miss Stone's Case.**THE THREAT of Mr. Dickin-
son that the Bulgarian govern-
ment will be held responsi-
ble in case harm comes to
Miss Stone through interference of
the country's officials, which has halted ar-
rangements for her release, indicates that
complications may yet result from
the affair. Such an aspect of the matter
is indeed serious. While all are
anxious for the safety of the captive
missionary, and it is right that she
should be given the benefit of national
effort in her behalf, it is undoubtedly
true that the well-meaning woman
over her present plight to her own
folly. Like many missionaries in other
countries she persisted in traveling in
dangerous localities without sufficient
protection and took risks that were un-
called for. Another deplorable feature of
the case is the spirit exhibited by the
American Board of Foreign Missions
which was simply able to have
paid the ransom asked at once and
should not have permitted the delay
which has made impossible to ar-
range for Miss Stone's release. This
government cannot afford to back down
upon any plan that its representatives
may make looking to the release of the
captain, but if unpleasant consequences
should follow it will be a warning to the
United States to keep a string upon
missionaries who in future exhibit
venturous propensities in the work of
bringing the heathen to spiritual light.
This country has trouble enough on
hand without being obliged to fatten
the foolishness of over-zealous mission-
aries in far-off lands.No matter what individual opinions
may be, most admit that consider-
able praviration has attended the
Seely inquiry.**Kruger on Arbitration.**IN HIS latest appeal for arbitration
between the British government
and the Boers, says the New
York Tribune, Mr. Kruger has
made the strongest possible argument
against it. It is not a novel argument,
but it is merely a restatement of what
has been perfectly well known to all
well informed observers from the out-
set of the troubles in South Africa.
But such repetition, from so high an
authority as Mr. Kruger, is to be well
come as conclusive. In the interview
quoted by our London correspondent,
Mr. Kruger's talk was oft of arbitration,
which he declared to be the only
satisfactory way of ending the war,
and he will abide by it unless it is in
his favor. Should the arbitral tribunal
decide against him, he would repudiate
its decision and resume fighting. "I
will leave it to any one to judge the
case," he says, in effect, "provided he
judges it in my favor." It must be
evident to all that such an attitude
would make arbitration worse than
useless. Such arbitration would not be
arbitration at all, but merely the ex-
ecution of partisan meanness. And,
of course, the British must have the
same right to insist that the arbitral
verdict shall be in their favor, and to
repudiate it if it is not. If two parties
should submit their dispute to arbitration,
but each should declare his will-
fulness to abide by the result only in
case it were in his favor, it is absolutely
certain that the case would not and
could not be settled. Beyond that, the
principle of arbitration would be such
a performance as discredited, and its
practice would be made a farce.It is to say, he wants arbitration,
but he wants it to be in his favor, and
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had set forth the hopelessness of any
attempt to settle the South African
troubles by conference and com-
promise. That hopelessness has been ap-
parent from the outset. Both parties
have been absolutely immovable in
their fundamental positions. They have
been willing to yield non-essential
points, but not essential ones. The
Boers have never been willing to con-
cede anything which would imperil the
perpetual continuance of Boer rule,
and the British have been equally un-
willing to accept any arrangement
which would not give them the rule
when they became the majority. In
all the Boer talk about arbitration,
both before and since the outbreak of
the war, there has been this reserva-tion which Mr. Kruger now expresses,
persistent and imperative even when
misrepresented, that the arbitration must
be in their favor or they would not
allow by it. In such circumstances ar-
bitration would have been a mockery.
The only way to settle such a quarrel
is to fight it out.The little town of Tower, Minn., has
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election in his state eliminates all possibility of tariff revision by
the approaching congress. Further than
that he declares that there will be no
reciprocity treaty ratified that will im-
pinge upon the protective policy. He
bases his belief upon the fact that the
fight in Ohio was fought upon national
lines, and that the verdict at the polls
was overwhelmingly in favor of the re-
spect economic policy of the Republican
party as represented by McKinley.There can be little doubt that Gen-
eral Grosvenor's view is well grounded.
Neither in Ohio nor in any other state
was there a rousing in the Republic-
an ranks or the Republican faith, and
of course the natural conclusion must
be that the principles which have
worked such marvels throughout the
nation during the past five years are
acceptable to the people.The falling off of the majorities in
Pennsylvania was due undoubtedly to
the indifference of Republicans who
were confident of success without their
battles and did not fear the effort of
the noisy band of malcontents and dis-
appalled office-seekers who sought to
disrupt the party under guise of
those that alleged reform movement.Commissioner Evans then quotes
similar complaints against the existing
system which have been made by nearly
every incumbent of the office since
1863. He does not submit any specific
recommendations as to a remedy for
the evils of the present system beyond
suggesting that power be given to
attorneys who indulge in sharp practices
before the department, which is responsible
for these conditions.Editor Henry T. Burchard, of the Sus-
quehanna Transcript, is mentioned as
a candidate for state representative
from the Twenty-sixth district. The
Republicans of Susquehanna county
could make no better choice. Mr.
Burchard is a lifelong Republican and
one of the most active party workers in
the district. With his natural ability,
clean record and familiarity with the
needs of constituents, gained by experience
in newspaper work. Editor Burchard
will make a candidate worthy
the hearty support of the county of
never-failing Republican majorities. It
is pleasing to note that there seems to
be no opposition to Brother Burchard's
friends will decrease.The following table shows the rates per inch
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Sublime Porte. There is a question
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Pension Commissioner Evans' latest
report, there was a net
addition of 4,236 names to the
pension rolls, bringing the total number
of names on those rolls up to 367,755, the
high-water record in the history
of the bureau.Austria has now filed claims against the
Sublime Porte. There is a question
whether Abdul Hamid's bark will
hold out under the raid.France knows how to collect a bill
and save her ammunition.upon the allowance of the claim. There were
registered June 30, 1901, 19,922 attorneys au-
thorized to prosecute pension claims. It is a
well known fact that some of the attorneys prac-
tice in the same city and make the highest
standing in the community. In such cases
it is to be regretted that the comparatively small
sum which may be charged and the amount of
work involved, if an attorney is contentious,
the pension has not attracted so many reputable
attorneys as might be hoped for on the
other hand, it has attracted a large number of
attorneys who are not qualified to represent
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